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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007

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Appropriation Acts (No. 1, No. 3 and No.5) 2006-2007

Appropriation Acts (No. 2, No. 4 and No.6) 2006-2007

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INTRODUCTION

The Advance to the Finance Minister (the Advance) is a provision authorised by the annual Appropriation Acts and made available to the Finance Minister to provide urgent funding to agencies throughout the financial year.

Issues of funds under the Advance made before the finalisation of the Additional Estimates bills (*Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2006-2007* and *Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2006-2007*) and the Supplementary Additional Estimates bills (*Appropriation Bill (No. 5) 2006-2007* and *Appropriation Bill (No. 6) 2006-2007*) are recovered from the additional appropriation provided in these Acts, thus replenishing the pool of funds in the Advance. Amounts issued after Supplementary Additional Estimates cannot be recovered and are therefore a 'final charge' against the Advance.

The relevant sections of the Appropriation Acts specifying the use of the Advance are set out below:

- Section 12 of *Appropriation Act (No. 1) 2006-2007*
- Section 13 of *Appropriation Act (No. 2) 2006-2007*
- Section 12 of *Appropriation Act (No. 3) 2006-2007*
- Section 13 of *Appropriation Act (No. 4) 2006-2007*
- Section 10 of *Appropriation Act (No. 5) 2006-2007*
- Section 12 of *Appropriation Act (No. 6) 2006-2007*

These sections apply where:

1. The Finance Minister is satisfied that:
 - a) there is an urgent need for expenditure that is not provided for, or is insufficiently provided for, in the Schedules to the Acts; and
 - b) the additional expenditure is not provided for, or is insufficiently provided for, in the Schedules to the Acts:
 - i) because of an erroneous omission or understatement; or
 - ii) because the additional expenditure was unforeseen until after the last day on which it was practicable to provide for it in the Bills for these Acts before those Bills were introduced into the House of Representatives.

2. These Acts have effect as if the Schedules were amended, in accordance with a determination of the Finance Minister, to make provision for so much (if any) of the additional expenditure as the Finance Minister determines.
3. The total of the amounts that the Finance Minister may determine under each of the Advance provisions in Acts 1, 3 and 5 cannot be more than \$175 million. The total of the amounts that the Finance Minister may determine under each of the Advance provisions in Acts 2, 4 and 6 cannot be more than \$215 million.

Issues made under the Advance are Legislative Instruments under the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*. They are available on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments which is a publicly accessible database. All Advances made on or after 1 January 2005 are tabled in the House of Representatives and the Senate within six sitting days after registration.

This report discloses those issues that remained as a final charge against the Advance as at 30 June 2007, and related expenditure for the year ended 30 June 2007.

Notes:

1. Cents have been omitted and each amount in this Statement is shown to the nearest dollar. Amounts may therefore not add to the totals due to rounding.
2. Issue amounts are the net balance of the issues — that is, the total amount of all issues less any funds recovered or returned.

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Appropriation Act (No. 1) 2006-2007 — \$20,777,125

Page No.	Portfolio	Issues from the Advance to the Finance Minister	Expenditure
		\$	\$
5	Foreign Affairs and Trade	19,527,125	18,720,173
5	Immigration and Citizenship	1,250,000	996,834
		20,777,125	19,717,007

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Appropriation Act (No. 2) 2006-2007 — \$62,936,411

Page No.	Portfolio	Issues from the Advance to the Finance Minister	Expenditure
		\$	\$
6	Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	57,110,565	56,324,399
6	Transport and Regional Services	5,825,846	5,825,846
		62,936,411	62,150,245

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Appropriation Act (No. 1) 2006-2007 — \$20,777,125

Portfolio/Agency	Issues from the Advance to the Finance Minister	Expenditure
	\$	\$
Foreign Affairs and Trade		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade		
Administered expenses — Outcome 1		
Australia's national interests protected and advanced through contributions to international security, national economic and trade performance and global co-operation	19,527,125	18,720,173
Total: Foreign Affairs and Trade	19,527,125	18,720,173
Immigration and Citizenship		
Department of Immigration and Citizenship		
Administered expenses — Outcome 1		
Contributing to Australia's society and its economic advancement through the lawful and orderly entry and stay of people	1,250,000	996,834
Total: Immigration and Citizenship	1,250,000	996,834

**ISSUES FROM THE ADVANCE TO THE FINANCE MINISTER
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Appropriation Act (No. 2) 2006-2007 — \$62,936,411

Portfolio/Agency	Issues from the Advance to the Finance Minister	Expenditure
	\$	\$
Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry		
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry		
Payments to States, ACT, NT and local government — Outcome 1		
More sustainable, competitive and profitable Australian agricultural, food, fisheries and forestry industries	57,110,565	56,324,399
Total: Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	57,110,565	56,324,399
 Transport and Regional Services		
Department of Transport and Regional Services		
Payments to States, ACT, NT and local government — Outcome 2		
Assisting regions to manage their own futures	5,825,846	5,825,846
Total: Transport and Regional Services	5,825,846	5,825,846